

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2003-2-E - ORDER NO. 2003-254

APRIL 16, 2003

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| IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company – Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs |) ORDER GRANTING) EXTENSION TO) PREFILE) TESTIMONY |
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission Staff (Staff) for a one (1) day extension of time in which to prefile its testimony and exhibits regarding the Annual Review of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's base rates for fuel costs. The Commission Staff and/or other parties were originally scheduled to file their prefiled testimony and exhibits on or before April 9, 2003, as set forth in Commission Order No. 2003-161 issued March 19, 2003. The Staff was unable to prefile its testimony and exhibits by the due date of April 9, 2003, therefore, the request for a one (1) day extension. As reasoning for its request, the Staff asserts that it was faced with a massive amount of material in the present case to review and assimilate into testimony and exhibits, and Staff simply was unable to complete all documents by April 9, 2003. The Staff states further that all parties of record were contacted and no party voiced objection to the granting of a one day extension. Additionally, the Staff consents to a one day extension for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company to file its rebuttal testimony and exhibits in this docket.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission discerns no prejudice to any party in granting the requested extension in this matter and concludes that the request of the Commission Staff for a one day extension to file its testimony and exhibits should be granted. Likewise, an extension to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits should be granted to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. Accordingly, we approve and grant the Staff's request for the extension of time. Under the modified prefile dates, the Commission Staff shall prefile and serve its direct testimony and exhibits on or before **April 10, 2003**. (The Staff may file and serve the direct testimony and exhibits by mail on the indicated date.) South Carolina Electric & Gas Company shall file its rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before **April 17, 2003**. (South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's rebuttal testimony and exhibits must in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on this date.) The other requirements set out by Order No. 2003-161 remain in effect.

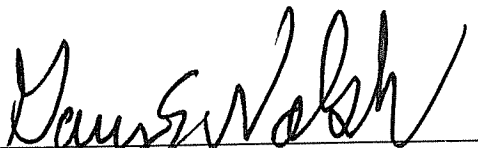
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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